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CENTRAL FAX CENTERIn RE application of T. SAKURAI et al  
Serial No.: 10/029,981

Group Art Unit: 1651

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For: METHOD FOR PURIFYING NUCLEIC ACID AND APPARATUS USING THE SAME

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

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x 9	\$
x 42	\$
+ 140	\$
Total	\$

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November 20, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 20, 2003,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows.